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SUBJECT: INDIAN NATIONAL RAIL STRIKE

REF: NEW DELHI 6343, LONDON 05939

1. ACCORDING TO ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL BLANCHARD, THE INDIAN RAIL STRIKE LEADERS DID CONTACT ILO AND REQUESTED ILO TO INTERVENE WITH GOI TO SETTLE STRIKE. CHIEF OF ILO INTERNATIONAL LABOR STANDARDS DEPARTMENT, IN ABSENCE BLANCHARD FROM GENEVA, REPLIED TO STRIKE LEADERS THAT REGULAR ILO PROCEDURES UNDER FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION CONVENTIONS FOR CASES OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF TRADE UNION RIGHTS WERE AVAILABLE TO RAIL UNION, BUT THAT ILO COULD NOT INTERVENE WITH GOI OR INTERJECT
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ITSELF AS MEDIATOR ON BASIS UNILATERAL INVITATION OF UNION.

UPON HIS RETURN TO GENEVA, BLANCHARD CONFIRMED LIMITED ACTION OF HIS SUBORDINATE BUT ADDED PRIVATELY THAT IF ALL PARTIES TO DISPUTE REQUESTED GOOD OFFICES OF ILO HE WOULD NOT REJECT OUT OF HAND SUCH A REQUEST.

2. BLANCARD DID NOT MAKE STOP IN NEW DELHI THAT HE HAD EARLIER SCHEDULED FOR HIS RETURN TRIP FROM ILO ASIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING IN KUALA LUMPUR. FORTUNATELY FOR HIM, HE SUFFERED PAINFUL FOOT INJURY, WHILE SWIMMING AT PENANG, WHICH PREVENTED HIM FROM MAKING STOP IN NEW DELHI DURING INTENSE POLITICAL CONTROVERSY OVER STRIKE.ABRAMS

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